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Ms. Beth O'Donnell
Executive Director,
Kentucky Public Service Commission
211 Sower Boulevard
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Re:

Public Notice – Public Service Commission of Kentucky,

Case No. 2004-00508 (The Renfro 2 Facility)

Dear Ms. O'Donnell:

This law firm represents Major Jeffrey Stevens, P.O. Box 151, Wildie, Kentucky 40492, in the matter referred to above. Please direct all future correspondence related to Major Stevens's interest in this matter to me.

Major Stevens is serving this country in Kuwait. He has been in Kuwait since last year and his unit is responsible for operating the camp that acclimates and trains U.S. troops coming and going from fighting in the Iraqi war theater. Major Stevens did not receive the December 20, 2004 public notice sent to him by Verizon because he was in Kuwait. I recently informed him of Verizon's application to construct the Renfro 2 cell facility, and he asked me to file an objection on his behalf.

Major Stevens's property is contiguous with the property that is proposed for the cell tower. He began construction on a new home on the property before he was called to Kuwait. The home construction is now complete, and awaiting for him to reside there when he returns home. Major Stevens has a teenage daughter who will live with him in the residence when he returns home. According to Verizon's own map (attached as Exhibit B to the Ione Parsons Option Agreement -- which is Exhibit J to the Application), if Verizon's Application is granted, the tower will be built approximately 400 feet from Major Stevens's new home.

Major Stevens will be returning home from Kuwait in November or December, 2005. Given that his home is the closest residence to the proposed tower, Major Stevens has a significant interest in defeating Verizon's Application. Specifically, Major Stevens wishes to actively participate in any hearing related to the proposed tower, and to testify as to his concerns and objections to a 325 foot metal tower with a frequency of 1990 MHz@1640 Watts EIRP bearing red and white medium intensity lights -- all within a few hundred feet of the new home he just had constructed.



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Verizon's own Application makes clear that this tower is unnecessary. Verizon has full coverage in this area of Rockcastle County, but wants to construct this new tower to improve transmission and reception "weak spots". (Application ¶ 9). Even Verizon does not contend that it lacks coverage or needs this new tower to accommodate emergency services or other community services. (*Id.*). Instead, Verizon wants this new tower to increase its own profits without regard to its effect on local residents. Moreover, according to Verizon's own counsel, Verizon already has applied for and received permission to construct **two** other new cell towers within Rockcastle County. (*See* January 12, 2005 letter from Brent Rice to me and copied to you). Certainly, those two recently approved towers will allow Verizon to make all the profit it needs.

To summarize, Major Stevens objects to Verizon's Application and asks that the Commission deny permission to build the proposed Renfro 2 cell tower. Major Stevens moves to intervene and become a party in the matter related to Verizon's Application, and reserves all of his rights related thereto. He also requests that any hearing into this matter be delayed until he returns from service in November or December, 2005, so that he can testify and assert his rights as the nearest resident to the proposed tower.

Additionally, pursuant to KRS 61.870, I hereby request a copy of any documents filed with the Commission since January 14, 2005 related to Verizon's Application, including, but not limited to: (a) decisions of the Commission or its representatives or designees; (b) minutes of any and all meetings held or attended by the Commission during which Verizon's proposed "Renfro 2 Facility" was discussed; (c) any site plans, sites drawings or site specifications related to the proposed "Renfro 2 Facility"; (d) all documents memorializing any conveyance or lease to Verizon related to the "Renfro 2 Facility"; (e) all documents related to any studies commissioned or completed related to the environmental or economic impact of the proposed "Renfro 2 Facility"; and (f) all communications between Verizon and the Commission related to the proposed "Renfro 2 Facility"...

Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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